August 3, 2011

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Comments, IB Docket No. 11-109

Dear Ms. Dortch:

I strongly believe that LightSquared's entry into the broadband marketplace is a positive development, especially for anyone who cares about innovation and competition. That is why I am writing this letter in support of LightSquared's efforts to launch a nationwide 4G-LTE broadband wireless network. This network represents a rare opportunity to increase the amount of spectrum assigned to broadband wireless – specifically the L-Band spectrum – which is a crucial goal of the National Broadband Plan. We cannot allow this valuable spectrum space go to waste.

As the FCC has pointed out, LightSquared's 4G-LTE network will empower cellular providers and others to compete head-to-head with the big mobile telecom companies that have failed to innovat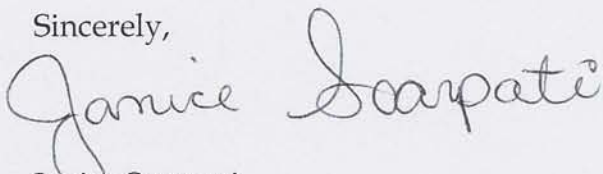e and invest to keep up with growing data demands. LightSquared's network will deliver more choices and lower prices for consumers, leading to more jobs for Americans who need them. Too many Americans, especially in rural communities, lack broadband connectivity. This is mainly due to its cost. Greater competition and more affordable service will bring us closer to achieving universal broadband access in America.

The FCC needs to permit LightSquared to deploy its 4G-LTE network in its L-Band spectrum. Potential interference with GPS devices is a serious issue that the FCC must address. However, it is a fixable issue and LightSquared has proposed a comprehensive and reasonable plan that enables use of the L-Band for 4G-LTE and GPS services.

I believe the Commission strongly supports these goals, which is why I firmly believe LightSquared should be allowed to proceed with its infrastructure build out. America cannot afford the consequences of prohibiting LightSquared from privately investing in this new network.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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